

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Please replace Figures 5 and 9 with the new Figures 5 and 9 attached hereto.

REMARKS

In view of the Applicants' above election, Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement has been satisfied. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of elected claims 1, 2, and 3/2 on the merits.

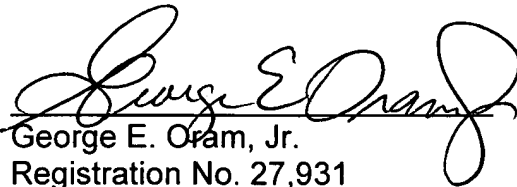
The Examiner made various objections to the drawings. Replacement sheets and marked up sheets are attached herewith. Figures 9a and 9b are being labeled "Prior Art." In Figure 5, reference character "F" is being changed to "f". The specification is being amended accordingly.

The Examiner objected to the specification in the description of the drawings. The Specification has been amended to clearly distinguish the short description of Figures 1 and 2 and Figures 5 - 6 and 7.

In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time.

Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referring to client-matter number 100725-00118.

Respectfully submitted,


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Enclosures: Replacement Figs. 5, 9A & 9B
Annotated Figs. 5, 9A & 9B

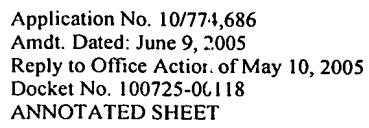


Fig. 9A — PRIOR ART

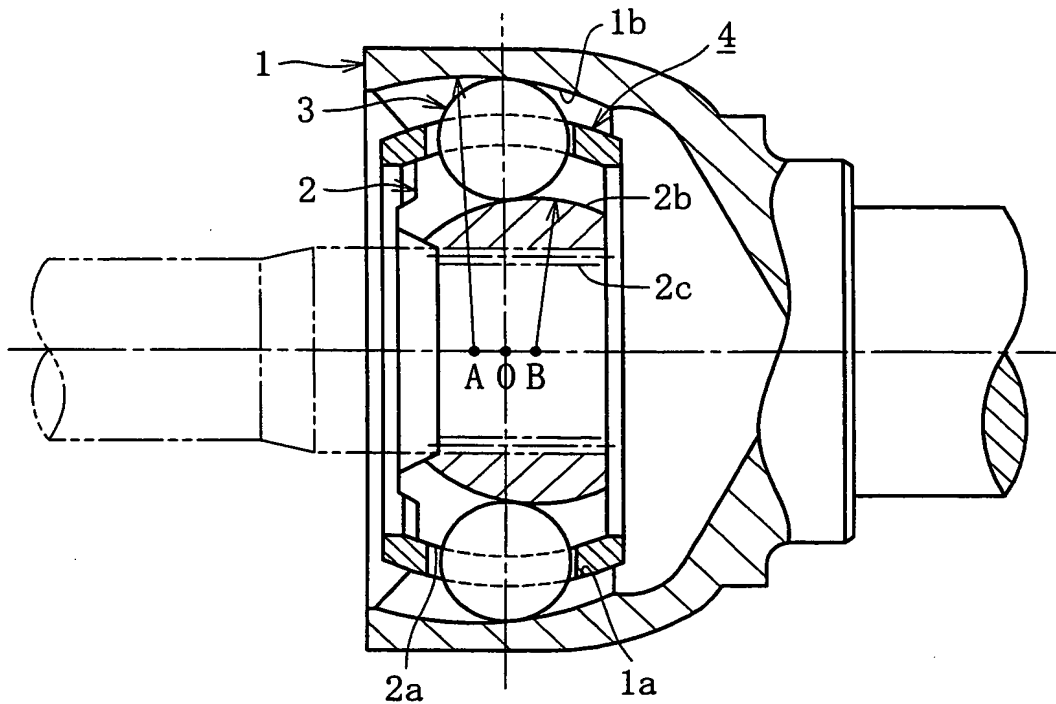


Fig. 9B — PRIOR ART

